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NEWSLETTER TWICE A YEAR

Because of the pressure of increasing EEF commitments and activities, the quarterly issue of our NEWSLETTER has been reduced to semi-annual publication. We regret that some of our readers have felt that their copies were lost in the mail or that their names were removed from the mailing list. We deeply appreciate their interest.

We welcome pertinent information for consideration for the NEWSLETTER. Material should be sent to Zelda R. Suplee, Editor, 41 Fifth Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10003.

LANDMARK CUSTODY VICTORY

Several years ago a Nevada divorce decree awarded the parents equal custody of the four children. Later the wife went into the long-awaited preoperative transexual treatment and "Mark" is now living in the male role as rancher, trucker and husband. The children's natural father sued for custody in Colorado, although they were living very happily and functioning excellently in school and socially. Despite the written testimony and pleas of the children as well as the testimony of the experts, including Dr. Marie Mehl, the judge awarded the custody to the natural father. At one time they ran away to "Mark" but were caught, jailed and returned to the natural father.

The ruling was appealed and the Colorado Appellate Court judge reversed the decision and remanded the children to their natural mother whom they fully accept in the male paternal role. A radio news broadcast reported that the appellate judge stated attention should have been paid to the testimony of the children as well as the experts.

STANFORD SYMPOSIUM PUBLICATION

The Proceedings of the Second Interdisciplinary Symposium on Gender Dysphoria Syndrome will be ready for distribution in February 1974. Over 120 psychiatrists, surgeons and paramedical personnel contributed to this symposium, which may represent the largest and most up to date compendium of information on transexualism (Gender Dysphoria).

This publication, edited by Donald R. Laub, M.D. and Patrick Gandy, is dedicated to Harry Benjamin, M.D. and has a foreword by Reed Erickson.

The book can be ordered at $10 a copy from Division of Plastic Surgery, R 213, Stanford University Medical Center, Stanford, Ca. 94305.

DR. HARRY BENJAMIN HONORED

The first award of the Erickson Educational Foundation **Harry Benjamin Medal of Honor** was presented to Dr. Harry Benjamin at the N. Y. Academy of Medicine-Symposium on Transexualism, sponsored by the Division of Obstetrics and Gynecology, in April.

The following citation (quoted in part) was read when Dr. Benjamin concluded his introduction of the program:

"Harry Benjamin, you were born 88 years ago on January 12, 1885, in Berlin, Germany. Your first interest was in internal medicine. You later became interested in the field of endocrinology after having begun to practice medicine in New York in 1915.

"Twenty years ago in 1953 you gave the first lecture on Gender Role Disorientation for which the term Transexualism was suggested. You have researched, published, lectured and practiced in this new field ever since. You wrote the first scientific volume on the subject, **The Transsexual Phenomenon.** Thousands of heretofore hopeless human beings have had and will have a new life, a new hope because you dared to be a pioneer, dared to question and dedicated yourself to benefiting your fellow human beings. For many, many years to come, the name of Harry Benjamin will be honored by those who are yet to benefit from your pioneering and distinguished work.

"As President-Emeritus of the Benjamin Gender Identity Research Foundation, you are seeing your efforts carried on by your associates and increasing numbers of colleagues throughout the world.

"You fully merit the admiration and affection of the countless people who hold you dear.

"It is fitting, therefore, that the Erickson Educational Foundation which presented you with a grant in clinical research in transsexualism in 1966, now chooses you to be the first recipient of the Foundation's **Harry Benjamin Medal of Honor** for outstanding service to mankind in your chosen field."

DUBROVNIK SYMPOSIUM

Locating a scientific conference in competition with the attractions of a world-famous resort area is risky. However, the enthusiasm of those attending the Third International Symposium on Gender Identity sessions in September proved the hazard could be overcome. As a matter of fact, one unexpected "rap session" informally moderated by Symposium Chairman John Money, elicited some of the most informative and dynamic interaction of the conference.

A copy of the program is available from EEF Baton Rouge office. Some of the papers are being considered for ARCHIVES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, edited by Richard Green, M.D.

NEWEST EEF PAMPHLET

INFORMATION ON TRANSEXUALISM FOR LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

Many of the questions answered in this pamphlet originally were raised by officers in police departments and training academies. It includes the latest medical findings with regard to gender-disturbed persons, "in the hope that this information may be useful in assisting in the current progressive review of police policies and practices."

A recent seminar on transexualism conducted by Canon Clinton Jones, Christ Church Cathedral, Hartford, Conn., for members of the Police Community Relations Department, resulted in a request for a number of the pamphlets for fellow officers.

Speakers on sexual differences are beginning to be invited to speak at police training classes. We welcome this progressive step and offer EEF cooperation in any way.

This pamphlet will be available to professionals on our mailing list and will be sent to others who request it from our Baton Rouge office, enclosing 25c for postage and handling. Specifically, it is designed for distribution to schools of criminal justice, police academies, chiefs of police, and other concerned professionals.

EEF thanks P. K. Houdek, editor of SEX NEWS for the review of this pamphlet in his publication.

NEW STUDY IN PRINT

The long-awaited report, **CASE HISTORY DATA FROM 392 MALE AND 71 FEMALE TRANSSEXUALS** by Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., Harry Benjamin, M.D., and Virginia Allen, has just been published as a monograph of THE JOURNAL OF PSYCHOSOMATIC MEDICINE AND DENTISTRY of which Leo Wollman, M.D. is editor.

This is a comprehensive study of the case load records of Dr. Benjamin between 1967 and 1970. With identifying names removed, tabulations were made and selected items subjected to statistical analysis. The historical, etiological, psychological, medical, demographic and sociological aspects are also presented.

The research, supported by grants from the Harry Benjamin Research Project and the Erickson Educational Foundation, is a valuable contribution to the scientific literature on the subject. Copies can be obtained by remitting $2.00 to EEF, Baton Rouge office.

NEW LICENSE RULES

Increase in sex change operations in California has generated new procedures. A paragraph has been added to the manual for drivers license examiners spelling out how to alter the sex designation on the licenses. While there is no total figure, sufficient requests for the change have been received to warrant the new procedure.

The applicant is required to provide a doctor's statement that the operation has been performed before the change is "permanent" in the eyes of the state. In the meantime, the person will receive a temporary license changing sex designation from "F" to "M" or the other way around.

CROSSDRESSING BAN UNDER FIRE

Circuit Court Jack Sperling of Chicago recently declared unconstitutional a city ordinance that forbids men to dress as women and vice versa, on the grounds that it violates individual liberty and the 14th Amendment which guarantees equal protection. The current unisex clothing styles have made the definition of men's and women's clothing impossible, he said, and hopes his ruling will discourage police from clogging his court with similar cases. "We're concerned with serious crimes here . . ." he added.

Last year Miami revoked its anti-crossdressing ordinance.

The American Civil Liberties Union is currently engaged in presenting the issue for possible consideration by the Supreme Court to declare anti-crossdressing ordinances unconstitutional.

In the meantime, transexuals under medical treatment who crossdress as a prerequisite to surgical sex reassignment may obtain an EEF Identification Card by writing to our Baton Rouge office for an application form.

INDIVIDUAL RIGHTS VALIDATED

It is gratifying to report progress on various sectors where recognition of the rights of transexuals has been sought. An increasing number of leading insurance companies have paid claims for sex reassignment surgery designated as such.

Progress, however, necessitates efforts by transexuals themselves to utilize the proper legal tools that are available. For instance, a professional employee of a major company was forced to resign because of sex reassignment surgery. After recuperation she applied for the same position and was turned down although the company was actively recruiting for that position. No reason was given for the refusal and upon legal advice the young woman filed a complaint with the City Commission on Human Rights on the basis that she was denied employment because she was a female. The lawyers stressed the fact that the client was acceptable as an employee as a male, but was now unacceptable as a female. As a result of a conference at the Commission office with company representatives, the client was reemployed in the same position at the same salary as applied for and she is now working there.

IN HOLLYWOOD

A new private center, International Transexual Guidance, has been established and is offering comprehensive service and referral for psychiatric evaluation, pre-operative medical and hormonal treatment and surgical and ongoing postoperative care. The offices in the Max Factor Building are also programmed for electrolysis, cosmetic and isometric instruction as well as counseling and group therapy.

For information, communicate with Daniel Lynden, International Transexual Guidance, 6922 Hollywood Blvd., Suite 211, Hollywood, Calif. 90028 (213) 464-7151.

PROGRESS IN THE BRONX

Naomi Smith, Coordinator of the Lincoln Hospital Gender Identity Program team, reports that there are now three divisions of group therapy held weekly.

VIDEO DOCUMENTARY AVAILABLE

The Behavioral Sciences Division of Creighton University Medical School, Omaha, Nebraska, has produced a videotape for closed circuit which includes interviews with male and female transexuals, panel discussions with students and lecture material by Dr. Marie Mehl. This 55-minute documentary *"Transsexualism (Gender Dysphoria) - A New Medical Phenomenon"* is excellent visual material for students, counselors, medical schools and professional organization educational meetings.

The videotape is available in 1-inch Ampex videotape or ¾-inch video cassette. Either can be rented from Dr. Duane Speiers, BSD Director, 2704 So. 87th Avenue, Omaha, Nebraska 68124.

NEW FILM AVAILABLE

An 18-minute film, "I'm Something Else," has been produced by Deborah Peaker, now president of Northern Film Productions, for CTV Television Network. This interesting film includes interviews with three male-to-female transexuals in different states of reassignment, commentary by Betty Steiner, Ph.D., of the Clarke Institute of Psychiatry, Toronto, an electrologist, and an 8-minute sequential presentation of the step-by-step processes of actual surgery performed by Dr. Roberto Granato of New York, with his explanatory voice-over.

A copy of the film on magnetic sound track is in EEF possession. Copies of the film with optical sound track are available for rental screening or purchase through the CTV Television Network, 42 Charles St., East, Toronto, attention: Larry Herzog, (416) 924-5454.

TRANSEXUAL FILM HONORED

Dr. Roberto Granato, New York City surgeon, received a plaque from the American Medical Association for his film on "the surgical conversion of the genitalia, male to female," which was selected for screening at the 122nd Annual Meeting in New York in 1973. The film, narrated by Dr. John K. Latimer of Columbia-Presbyterian School of Medicine, was shown at the American College of Surgeons conference in Chicago as well as the International Society of Urology meeting in Amsterdam and also in South America.

IN LOS ANGELES

Counseling and discussion groups for transexuals and transvestites are offered at the Gay Community Services Center, 1614 Wilshire Boulevard, (213) 482-3062. The program is varied and is under the direction of John Prowett. Its activities and concerns have been aired on KROQ-Radio and KNBC-TV, with future programs in prospect.

WARNING - - SILICONE INJECTIONS ARE DANGEROUS.

We cannot be too emphatic in reporting some of the tragic results of silicone injections for breast enlargement or to enhance the size of any other part of the body. Not only does an individual risk the silicone's traveling through the system and endangering vital functions, but doctors report that the presence of silicone has prevented cancer detection by palpation.

CAMPUS ACTIVITIES

The demand for EEF seminars at colleges is rapidly increasing and in some cases they have already become traditional. Our list for the latter part of 1973 includes: N.Y. State University at Stony Brook, Kingsborough Community College, Nassau Community College, Adelphia University, Syracuse College, Cazenovia College, N.Y., Hampshire College and University of Mass., Amherst, Fairleigh Dickinson University, and Brooklyn College, Rutgers University.

An enterprising student of the Human Sexuality class at Queensborough Community College, New York, arranged to have her instructor and herself videotape an interview with a postoperative transexual at the EEF New York office. The videotape was later screened for the class in connection with her paper on the subject.

An increasing number of postoperative transexuals are appearing on campuses and before civic organizations. From the constant flow of newsclippings from widely scattered areas throughout the country, it is clear that Miss Christine Jorgensen is the most widely booked and enthusiastically received lecturer on transexualism on the circuit. Ten years ago, she said, she would not have been permitted on campus - - her audiences up to now have totaled over a hundred thousand.

The EEF has an increasing list of transexuals who are willing to be interviewed on the subject before academic groups.

GOOD WEEK AT SLIPPERY ROCK

Over 130 graduate and undergraduate students and professionals participated in the August 20-24 workshop on transexualism and homosexuality conducted by the Health Sciences Dept. of Slippery Rock State College, Penna. An unusual feature of the workshop was that student credit was offered as well as AMA credit to physicians, and students were required to turn in papers and critiques.

Program participants included Dr. Paul Walker, Johns Hopkins Gender Identity Clinic associate, whose topic was "Gender Identity." Robert Hughes, Sociology Dept., Pitt College, spoke on "Gay Liberation and Human Sexuality/Bi-Sexuality," June Reinisch, doctoral candidate of Teachers College, discussed "Effects of Prenatal Hormones on Gender Identity," and Zelda R. Suplee gave an overview of transexualism. Films and discussions highlighted the sessions which concluded with an overwhelming expression of enthusiasm to have the program repeated in the future.

Dr. Russell Whaley and Professor Stanley Kendziorski are to be commended for inaugurating a provocative workshop of this nature in their series "to update people on areas of health concerns and to provide them with information about new explorations in the field."

LIBRARY ON TRANSEXUALISM

One of the original EEF projects was the establishment of a repository of information on the subject. A growing number of research students and professional writers seek information from us. To increase our facilities, we welcome contributions of any books, journals, reprints or copies of papers on the subject of transexualism. Material should be addressed to Librarian, Erickson Educational Foundation, 1627 Moreland Avenue, Baton Rouge, La. 70808.

INFORMATION WANTED

Inquiries have been received about a hair-removal process called "Perma-Tweeze." We would appreciate receiving any information concerning the process and the results from individuals who have had experience with its use.

NEW HAIR REMOVAL PROCESS

One of the serious problems of male-to-female transexuals is the removal of the beard and superfluous body hair. Years of laboratory research under medical supervision has resulted in the development of a non-electrolysis process now used in the U. S. and Canada in the treatment of hirsute genetic women. We are observing with deep interest the progress of this method in its current application to a group of transexuals who are also under the proper medical hormonal treatment, which is absolutely essential.

Information about the EZ Hair Removal System can be obtained from Jeneal Cosmetique, 2721 Hillcroft, Houston, Texas 77027, (713) 781-2263.

FAMILY PROBLEMS

It is a known fact that the burden of the individual with a transexual problem is lighter when the family is understanding and supportive and it is only natural that the adjustment of the individual will be better in all aspects. However, it is important for the young person who feels that he or she has a transexual condition to understand the complex emotional turmoil that parents experience and that in few cases is it possible for all parties to cope without help for the parents.

It has been gratifying to see the situations where parents have been reconciled in understanding and love with the help of professional counseling. In the past, rejection was almost customary.

Today, however, there is help for parents as well as transexuals, and the latter should try to have parents obtain counseling that would help relieve their anguish and guilt feelings. While our pamphlet **INFORMATION FOR THE FAMILY OF THE TRANSEXUAL** is of great value, the need for counseling can remain.

An important ongoing research project by psychiatrist Dr. Stanley Coen, 28 East 73rd St., NYC, (212) 998-8585, has received appreciated cooperation of parents thus far. We hope other parents will communicate with him, with understandably mutual benefit.

NEW BOOK BY EEF GRANTEE

Emanating from his EEF-assisted research on the history of attitudes toward sex, **The Subordinate Sex - A History of Attitudes Towards Women**, by Vern Bullough, Ph.D., with the assistance of Bonnie Bullough, Ph.D., was published in August by University of Illinois Press. The paperback will be issued by Penguin Press. This is the first of three EEF-sponsored books by Dr. Bullough who received an award several years ago as one of the two outstanding California college professors of the year.

IN THE PRESS

. . . "Transexual Can No Longer Tolerate Being Male - - It's No Longer Chic to Laugh at Sexual Differences" by James Fogarty, Sunday WORLD HERALD, Omaha, Nebraska, Jan. 21, 1973.

. . . "How Do Families Adjust to Problems of Sex Change?" by Donald Drake, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, May 11, 1973. Based on Dr. Richard Green's report to APA meeting on cases of five women who married persons who had been or were in process of reassignment from female to male. "All of the couples have blended into their communities without incident," reported Dr. Green. "Usually the neighbors didn't even know -- marriages seem to be happy."

. . . "Now Ralph Is Pamela - He Hated Being Man" 3-part series by Dale F. Mead, THE MERCURY, San Jose, Ca. July 16-18, 1973.

. . . "Sex-Change Surgery Done at U. Va.", 3-part series by Margie Fisher, THE WORLD NEWS, Roanoke, Va. June 27, July 27, August 7, 1973. This excellent series is based on in-depth interviews with Dr. Milton T. Edgerton, eminent surgeon now at Univ. of Virginia, who was a leader in setting up the original Johns Hopkins Gender Identity team.

. . . "Low-Key Sex Changes at Stanford" - "What Sex Change Can, Can't Do," by Bob Rose, DAILY NEWS, Chicago, Ill. August 30-31, 1973.

. . . "Born the Wrong Sex" by Laura Green, Chicago SUN-TIMES, Sept. 26, 1973.

. . . "Miserable as a Woman," by Ned Scharff, STAR-NEWS, Washington, D.C. October 2, 1973.

. . . "Sex Changes: How, Why - Sex Change Spreads Even to Philadelphia," by Donald C. Drake, PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER - Oct. 21, 1973.

. . . "A Transsexual and Her Family: An Attempt at Life as Usual," by Judy Klemesrud, NEW YORK TIMES, Oct. 23, 1973.

. . . "Seldom What They Seem" - "In a Changing World" - "It's a Puzzlement," by Rusty Crowley, 3-part series, THE PROVINCE, Vancouver, B.C., October 11-13, 1973. An excellent presentation of the transexual problem and its various aspects.

. . . CHICAGO TRIBUNE, October 17, 1973. A syndicated interview with Dr. Roberto Granato following his presentation at the annual meeting of the American College of Surgeons.

. . . *The Making of a Transexual* by Diana Davenport, PENTHOUSE FORUM, November 1973.

IN OTTAWA

A correspondent pointed out to the Ottawa JOURNAL that the application form for a renewal of his Ontario driving license "requires me to state if I have changed my sex." On checking, it was found that at the bottom of the "Changes/Corrections Only" column was a box heading: "3. Date of Birth, Height, Sex (If Changed)."

We have just been advised that after this was brought to the attention of the authorities steps were taken to revise the application form.

CAUTION

We have been asked to caution persons undergoing sex reassignment operations to advise their surgeons of any non-relevant drugs they have been taking, as this would materially affect response to pain relievers.

IN PRINT

. . . **"Man & Woman/ Boy & Girl - differentiation and dimorphism of gender identity from conception to maturity,"** by John Money and Anke A. Ehrhardt (Johns Hopkins Press - Baltimore). Hardback & Paperback.

. . . **Sexual Identity Conflict in Children and Adults** by Richard Green, M.D. (Basic Books, Sept. 1973).

. . . *Prenatal Exposure to Female Hormones; Effect On Psychosexual Development in Boys* by Irvin D. Yalom, M.D., Richard Green, M.D., Norman Fisk, M.D., Stanford, Calif. ARCHIVES OF GENERAL PSYCHIATRY, Vol. 28, 1973. (Study was supported by EEF. Dr. Priscilla White and the staff of the Joslin Clinic in Boston cooperated in the study.)

. . . *Prenatal Stress Feminizes and Demasculinizes the Behavior of Males* by Ingeborg L. Ward, Ph.D., SCIENCE, Vol. 175, Jan. 7, 1972.

. . . *Dreams of Transsexuals Awaiting Surgery* by Vamik D. Volkan, M.D. and Tajammul H. Bhatti, M.D., COMPREHENSIVE PSYCHIATRY, Vol. 14, No. 3 (May/June) 1973.

. . . *Transsexualism* by Drogo K. Montague, M.D., UROLOGY, July 1973, Vol. 2, No. 1.

. . . *Transsexualism - Comments.* THE MEDICAL JOURNAL OF AUSTRALIA, August 11, 1973

. . . *Sex Reassignment: Male to Female to Male* by John Money, Ph.D., and George Wolff, Ph.D., ARCHIVES OF SEXUAL BEHAVIOR, Vol. 2, No. 3, 1973

. . . *Transsexualism and Surgical Procedures* by Norman L. Block, M.D., and Arthur N. Tessier, M.D. Commentaries by Jon K. Meyer, M.D., Anke A. Ehrhardt, Ph.D., John L. Hampson, M.D., MEDICAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN SEXUALITY, February, 1973. (Reprints available for physicians from EEF office.)

. . . *Sex Reassignment* by John Money and Ronald J. Gaskin, INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHIATRY, 9:249-282, 1970-1971. (34-page reprint available from EEF on request—$1.00.)

. . . *Transexualism, Sex Reassignment Surgery and the Law* by Douglas Smith, CORNELL LAW REVIEW, Vol. 56:963, 1971. (Reprints available from EEF—$1.00.)

. . . *The Shadow People–The Problems of Not-so-normal Sex* by Narendra J. Pandya. SCIENCE TODAY, November, 1972. Bombay, India.

. . . *Transsexuals–Some Further Legal Considerations* by John P. Holloway, Resident Legal Counsel, University of Colorado. THE COMPARATIVE AND INTERNATIONAL LAW JOURNAL OF SOUTH AFRICA, March, 1972. (Paper presented at the 2nd International Symposium on Gender Identity, Copenhagen, September, 1971.)

. . . *THE PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND PREPARATION OF SEX EDUCATORS.* Just published "as a preliminary guide to action in the establishment of sound programs for sex educators." Deals with curriculum content and includes homosexuality, transvestism and transexualism. American Association of Sex Educators and Counselors, 815 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005. 50c per copy.

. . . *SEX NEWS–A Monthly Digest of News, Views, Events, Publications and Resources,* edited by P. K. Houdek, 7140 Oak, Kansas City, Mo. 64114. $2 per year. Remittance with order. $2.50 if invoice is required.

. . . *Gender Dimorphic Behavior and Fetal Sex Hormones* by John Money and Anke Ehrhardt. RECENT PROGRESS IN HORMONE RESEARCH, Vol. 28, 1972, Academic Press.

. . . *Determinants of Human Sexual Identity and Behavior* by John Money. **Group and Family Therapy**—Sager & Kaplan, eds. New York, Brunner/Mazel Pub 1972.

BISEXUAL BEHAVIOR CONFERENCE

Sponsored by the Midwest Association for the Study of Human Sexuality, the Chicago Conference on Bisexual Behavior was held in October at the University of Chicago. The conference addressed itself to bisexual behavior in a non-judgmental way to attempt to formulate an approach to understanding bisexual behavior that would be useful to physicians, counselors, therapists and educators. A second emphasis was on children and adults with gender and sex differentiation problems, including discussions of transexualism and transvestism.

Among the faculty were John Money, Ph.D. and Richard Green, M.D., editors of **Transexualism and Sex Reassignment** (Johns Hopkins Press), and EEF grantee June Reinisch.

DR. MEHL IN NEW POST

Marie Mehl, Ph.D., formerly EEF Director of Research and Education, is now Director, Human Sexuality Program, of the Center for Family Learning in Miami, Florida. She is a member of the International Advisory Committee of the 2nd International Symposium on Sex Education to be held in Tel Aviv, June 24-28, 1974, where she will present a paper. (For information about the symposium write P. O. Box 16271, Tel Aviv, Israel.)

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. . . SCIENCE, Sept. 15, 1972, p. 1007. "Males of the fish species *Labroides dimidiatus* control the process of sex reversals within social groups. Each group consists of a male with a harem of females, among which larger individuals dominate smaller ones. The male in each harem suppresses the tendency of the females to change sex by actively dominating them. Death of the male releases this suppression and the dominant female of the harem changes sex immediately." (When a new male takes over the harem the sex-changed male resumes the female sex and role.) *Social Control of Sex Reversal in a Coral-Reef Fish*, by D. R. Robertson, Queensland, Australia.

. . . *"Parapsychology Is an Idea Whose Time Has Come,"* A conversation with Stanley Krippner about precognition, psychokinesis, clairvoyance, telepathy, Kirlian and psychic photography and the Bermuda Triangle, by Paul Chance, PSYCHOLOGY TODAY, October 1973. Dr. Krippner, who is a member of EEF Advisory Board, was recently elected President of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, and is co-author with Montague Ullman, M.D. and Alan Vaughan of **Dream Telepathy**, recently published by Macmillan.

STATEMENT OF POLICY

The Erickson Educational Foundation is dedicated to assist where "human potential is limited by physical, mental or social conditions, or where scope of research is too new, controversial or imaginative to encourage traditionally oriented foundation support."

NEW JOURNAL IN PROCESS

The first issue of THE INTERNATIONAL JOURNAL OF PSYCHOENERGETIC SYSTEMS, Stanley Krippner, Ph.D., Editor-in-Chief, will be available in the spring of 1974.

The launching of the journal has been assisted by an EEF grant. Its broad scope of interest includes the search for research techniques which could aid in the detection of psychoenergetic effects of any kind, research in the area of origin-of-life studies, as well as the area of extraterrestrial intelligence. The journal will urge a phenomenological approach in describing little understood phenomena such as altered states of consciousness, unconventional forms of healing and manifestations of biological energy.

For information write Gordon and Breach Science Publishers, One Park Avenue, New York 10016.

PSYCHOTRONICS IN PRAGUE

Over 200 persons from 18 countries attended the First International Conference on Psychotronic Research at which Dr. Stanley Krippner represented the Erickson Educational Foundation in June. The conference was organized by Dr. Zdenek Rejdak of the Czech Society for Science and Technology.

The term *psychotronics*, proposed in a French journal, is considered a more comprehensive term than parapsychology as it reflects the use of electronic equipment in research, the interdisciplinary nature of the field, and the energetic components of psi phenomena.

The International Association for Psychotronic Research was organized at the close of the conference. Dr. Krippner was elected Vice President for the Western Hemisphere and plans were started for a 1975 conference in Paris.

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